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Q. Is there any difference between the begonia "Lady Mac" and the "Lorraine"? I have "Lady Mac" and yet when I look at the picture of the "Lorraine" they look alike.

From Mrs. V. A., Riverside, Calif.

A. If you can get hold of a copy of Mrs. Buxton's "Begonias," I think you would be interested in reading her story of the socotrana hybrids on pages 21 to 24. The earlier crosses, Gloire de Lorraine (socotrana x dregei) and Glory of Cincinnati (socotrana x Gloire de Lorraine) have leaves like socotrana, peltate or round with a depressed center which holds water causing rotting of the leaves. Among later crosses she names Melior, Mrs. Peterson, Lady Mac and Marjorie Gibbs. "All these later varieties have a split leaf which permits water to drain off readily, larger flowers and better lasting qualities in the hot dry air of the home."

Q. Would like to know if you have any data on raising Tuberous Begonias in southern Florida. When would be the best time to start tubers here so that they would be ready for Christmas?

From E. R., Miami, Florida.

A. I lived near Miami for several years at one time and I have wondered many times since I have been playing with Begonias here in California, why I did not see more of them in southern Florida. You have the humidity and not too great extremes of heat and cold. The only thing that Miami does not have is the soil—particularly the leaf mold that we find out here gives such good results.

I very much doubt if Tuberous Begonias can be grown for Christmas blooming without greenhouse forcing. We start them here in Jan.-Feb. for bloom from June to October. The bulbous begonias—the Socotrana hybrids — which are winter-blooming, are started in August.

The requirements of Begonias culturally would be pretty much the same the world over, so I think it would pay you to send Mr. Dere for the Cultural Bulletin on Tuberous Begonias.

Q. Since the Rosecroft Begonia Gardens are no longer in business, can you direct me to someone else who can supply various begonias, especially of the Rex and Fibrous types. So many of the advertisers in THE BEGONIAN do not issue catalogues that I am at a loss where to turn to procure new plants. (Ed.-Rosecroft is being re-established.)

From E. H. F., Sonoma, Calif.

A. It is true that catalogues are few and far between. The main reason is that catalogues are quite expensive. But I think you will find that most of our advertisers get out lists of the begonias that they can supply. That is all that anyone who keeps the back numbers of THE BEGONIAN should need. Just look, for example, at the index to THE BEGONIAN for the year 1944, which appeared in the Jan., 1945, issue, and notice how many varieties of begonias were described during the year. By checking the lists against the indices and then looking up the comments on the various begonias, you will get more complete descriptions than any catalogue could possibly give you.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. From Fort Worth, Texas: I am having trouble with my Begonia Feasti, (Beefsteak). The leaves turn brown and either drop off of their own accord or have to be removed. After cooler weather sets in I let the morning sun shine on it. Perhaps that could have started it. Some of the shoots that I removed and potted for small plants failed to live.

A. To answer your question specifically would be a little difficult, as many circumstances can be responsible for the condition about which you complain. Begonias in general are injured by the intense direct rays of the summer sunshine and yet they are benefitted by all the sunshine possible during the cooler weather of the winter and early spring months. Then, if in-doors, a strong sunshine pouring through glass, particularly imperfect glass, can blister the leaves especially if they are wet at the time. As soon as a plant is deprived of good treatment, especially in regard to light, fresh air, and good soil, then red spider, pythium rot, and nematodes will soon attack them. Any of the above conditions can cause the trouble which seems to bother your plant and you must be the best judge as to which fits your particular case. They thrive best at a temperature of 55-60 degrees F. night and 65-70 degrees F. day temperatures.

If the plant is infested, it follows that any attempt to propagate from that plant would meet with failure or poor result. The best time to take these cuttings is in the Spring or early Summer.—T. J. Parker.

● From a letter to the Editor: "We are all enjoying THE BEGONIAN more and more and think it has improved much since we first subscribed."

Thank you. We shall try to maintain a constant improvement. To do this, we need all kinds of interesting material pertaining to shade plants from each one of our members. If they can be obtained, pictures of success or failure with story would be welcome.

Q. Would you give me some information about growing Begonias? I am trying for the first time, to grow tuberous Begonias. They grew well at first and I fed them once a month on liquid fertilizer, but the leaves began to dry on the ends and sides and the blossoms dropped off. Will you tell me why? They are in the sun only early in the morning.

A. The successful growing of tuberous Begonias hinges upon a few essential factors. The growing medium must be to their liking. The environment must answer the purpose and the proper temperature conditions must be present. The growing medium must be light and porous providing an excellent drainage and yet having a consistency capable of holding adequate moisture at all times without being at the saturation point. It should be at least on the acid side. A good mixture consists of equal parts coarse leaf mold, soil, well rotted manure, coarse sand and a good supply of bone meal. After the growth is well started the use of liquid fertilizer is good but a word of warning is in place. Never apply liquid fertilizer to plants when the soil is dry, it is policy to water plants first before applying liquid fertilizer otherwise trouble may ensue and cause burning of the foliage and also damage to the roots. A severe fluctuation of temperature can cause bud and blossom drop and then too, some varieties are more susceptible to this trouble than others. One thing is always good for tuberous Begonias and that is a light sprinkling on the foliage in dry hot weather particularly when the humidity is low.

SIMPLE CULTURE FOR EVANSIANA SEEDLINGS

By MRS. E. T. BOESHAR, Hollywood, Calif.

● This time I can bear witness that I have not had the slightest trouble in the raising of my seedlings. In fact, I found them along the path in my lathhouse.

Some years ago I bought some begonia bulbs, or should I say tubers? Among them were two Evansiana. They are planted in pots and without much effort on my part, they have flourished and bloomed each spring and summer.

Much to my amazement and joy this spring I discovered little seedlings here, there and around, even on a shelf where there was a tiny bit of soil.

I guess I just took my Evansiana for granted and here she presents me with a family of little Evans.

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BEGONIA PRONUNCIATIONS

In pronouncing these names keep in mind the following rule:

à as in lane	í as in bin
á as in fan	ò as in tone
è as in eve	ó as in mom
é as in get	ù as in cute
ì as in line	ú as in cut

rhìzome—rỳ-zohm

rhizómatous—ry-zóhm-a-tus

ácida—á-sid-ah

aconitifòlia—a-coniti-fòl-eeah

acuminàta—a-cum-in-àte-ah

acutángula—a-cut-áng-ulah

acutifòlia—a-cuti-fòh-liah

álba perfécta—álba per-féct-ah

álba scándens—álba scán-dens

álbo pícta—álbo píc-ta

álleryi—ál-er-yi

alnifòlia—al-ni-fòl-eeah

Andìna—an-dìne-ah

angulàris—an-gu-lày-ris

argénteo-guttàta—ar-jén-teeo goo-tày-tah
ascotiénsis—as-cotee-éhn-sis
Bertínii—Ber-tín-ee-i
boliviénsis—bo-livee-éhn-sis
braziliénsis—bra-zilee-éhn-sis
Búnchii—búnchee-i
cálla—cál-lah
carminàta—car-min-ày-ta
caroliniafòlia—caro-lin-eea-fòl-eeah
Carrièrei—care-èerie-aye
cathayàna—catha-yàne-ah
Clárkei—clárk-eh-i
coccínea—cock-sín-ee-ah
Cómpta—cómp-tah
conchaefòlia—conch-eh-fòlee-ah
corállina—cor-áh-line-ah
Countess L. Erdoedy—còun-tess L. Ehr-dò eh-dee
Sometimes spelled Erdody—Ehr-dò-dee
cristàta—criss-tày-tah
deliciòsa—del-iss-ee-òh-sah
Dàvisii—dày-vissee-eye
decòra—dee-còr-ah
diadèma—dia-dèem-ah
dichótoma—di-kóh-toma
dichròa—di-kròh-ah
Digswilliàna—digs-willy-àne-ah
Sometimes spelled Digswelliàna (digs-welly-àne-ah
domingénsis—do-ming-éhn-sis
Drègei—drèeg-eh-eye
Drùryi—drèw-ee-eye
echinsoépala—ek-ino séh-pala
Evansiàna—evan-see-àne-ah
Fèastii—fèes-tee-eye
fimbriàta—fim-bree-ày-tah
foliòsa—fohlee-òh-sah
Froèbelii—fro-èe-belee-eye
frutéscens—frut-éss-sens
fruticòsa—fruh-tih-còsa
fuchsioìdes—few-sheeo-eye-des
gigantèa—ji-gan-tèe-ah
glaucophýlla—glah-co-fíl-ah
goegoénsis—go-go-éhn-sis
grácilis—grá-sil-iss
Haageàna—hagee-àne-ah
heracleifolia—her-aklee-if-òhl-eeah
hiemàlis—hee-mày-liss
hirtélla—her-téll-ah
Hoùghtonii—hòw-tonee-eye
hùmilis—hùme-ih-liss
hydrocotyifòlia—hydro-coty-ih-fòhl-eeah
imperiàlis—im-peeree-ày-liss
incàna—in-kày-nah
incarnàta—in-car-này-tah
íngramii—ín-gramee-eye
isóptera—is-óp-tera
kewénsis—kew-éhn-sis
laciniàta—la-sin-ee-àte-ah
Lièbmannii—lèeb-manee-eye
Lindleyàne-ah—Lindle-yàne-ah
Llóydii—lóy-dee-eye
lobàta—lob-ày-tah
lucérna—loo-sér-nah
luminòsa—loom-in-òh-sah
luxùrians—lux-ùree-ans
Macbéthii—mac-béthee-eye
maculàta—mac-kew-lày-tah
magnífica—mag-níf-ih-cah
malabárica—mala-báre-ih-cah
manicàta—man-ih-cày-tah
Mánnii—mán-ee-eye
Margarìtae—mar-gar-eỳe-tay
Martiàna—marty-àne-ah
metállica—met-ál-ih-cah
nelumbiifòlia—nee-lum-by-ih-fòlee-ah
nígricans—níh-grih-cans
nítida—níh-tih-dah
odoràta—oh-doh-rày-tah
ólbia—áll-bee-ah
palmàris—pahm-ày-riss
palmàta—pahm-ày-tah
palmifòlia—pahm-ih-fòh-lee-ah
Pèarcei—pèer-sigh
pellàta—pell-ày-tah
péndula—pén-doo-lah
phyllomanìaca—fi-lo-man-eỳe-ay-kah
Ràjah—rày-jah
Réx-cultòrum—wrecks cul-tòh-rum
Richardsiàna—rich-ard-see-ày-nah
ricinifòlia—rye-sin-ih-fòl-lee-ah
robústa—roh-bús-tah
Ròsea gigantèa—Ròh-see-ah ji-gan-tèe-ah
Róxburghii—rócks-berg-ee-eye
rubélla—roo-béll-ah
rubellìna—roo-bell-eỳe-nah
rùbra—ròo-brah
rùbro-vènia—ròo-broh vèen-eeah
sanguínea—san-gwín-eeah
scábrida—ská-bride-ah
scándens—skán-dens
Scharffiàna—shar-fee-ày-nah
Schárffi—shárf-eye
Schmidtiàna—schmid-tee-ày-nah
semperflòrens—semp-flòr-ens
smarágdina—smar-ág-dine-ah
socotràna—so-co-tràin-ah
speculàta—spec-you-lày-tah
Súnderbruchii—sún-der-bruk-ee-eye
Sútherlandii—súther-lan-dee-eye
Témplinii—tém-plin-ee-eye
Thúrstonii—thúrs-tonee-eye
tuberhýbrida—tuber-hí-brid-ah
ulmifòlia—ulm-ih-fòh-lee-ah
undulàta—un-dew-lày-tah
Veìtchii—vee-eỳe-chee-eye
venòsa—ven-òh-sah
Verschaffeltiàna—ver-shaf-ehl-tee-ày-nah
Warscewíczi—var-sív-ick-skee
weltoniénsis—wel-toni-én-sis
xánthina—sán-thine-ah
zebrìna—zee-brìne-ah

Occasionally a single "i" is used in the spelling of begonia names, (One "i" being omited). The pronouncing would be in the same order. Drop the "ee" (the first "i") in pronouncing the name as témplini, pronounced —tém-plin-eye.

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There has long been confusion in the listing and spelling of begonia names. In this index all names have been checked with the BUXTON GLOSSARY and THE BEGONIAN registration list and changes made according to International Code, namely—no capital for species even if named after a person, and only one "i" instead of "ii" at end of name. Species are printed in *italics,* common names in Roman, horticultural—cultivars, hybrids and varieties capitalized.

In many cases the same name is used for members of different divisions, therefore when the name only is mentioned no distinction could be made for rex, semperfloren, etc. Thus I see a great need for registration to clear up name duplication. THE EDITOR

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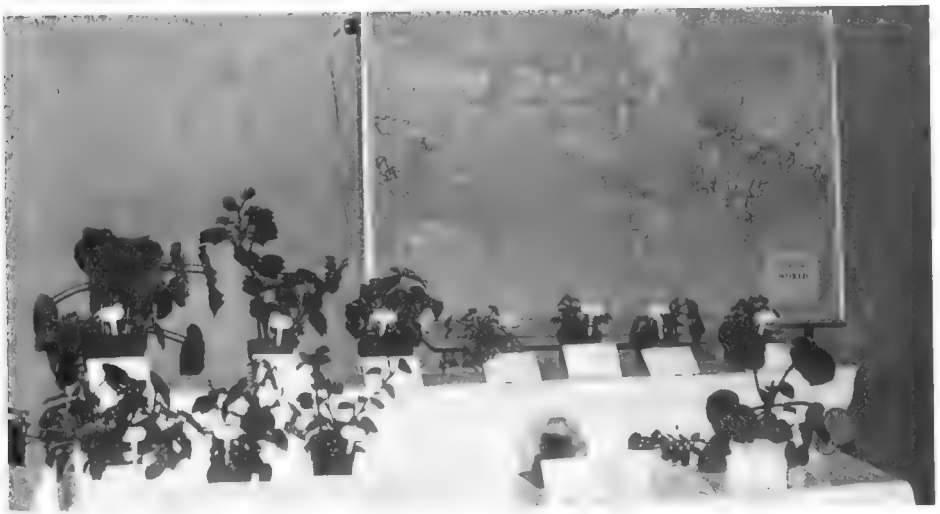

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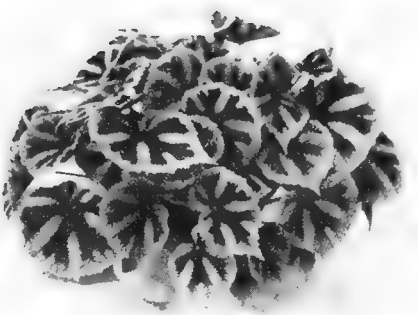

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